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1. At an unnamed mountainous location east of the city of Breznik there is located a training center called Himitcheska Rota (Chemical Company), Podeleni 5787. Bulgarian soldiers specializing in chemical warfare or in mine warfare are trained at the school for three or four months. Each class has from 400 to 500 trainees. The school grounds cover an area of 1500 stremmatas.
2. [REDACTED] each Bulgarian army division has a chemical warfare company whose duty is to train the rest of the division in the proper use of the gas mask and protection against poison gas.
3. A Trudovak battalion is constructing fortifications about seven kilometers west of Kyustendil. Another battalion is building fortifications along the Lavumovo-Motovo(sic)-Melnik line.
4. On 10 March 1951, at the railroad station at Petrich, 12 carloads of barbed wire was unloaded. A large amount of barbed wire was also observed in the village of Zhostovo; a 100 cubic meter pile of posts was noticed in the same town.
5. On 5 March 1951, Trudovak officers and a Soviet officer whose rank could not be ascertained, inspected the fortification projects already completed in the Svilengrad area.

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